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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF FRG ON US-GDR RELATIONS

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C) BERLIN 6885 NOTAL

1. DURING INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER AND HONECKER, AMBASSADOR BOLEN REITERATED USG CONCERNS ON HUMANITARIAN CASES, CLAIMS AND CONSULAR CONVENTION. CONCERNING LATTER, HE PROPOSED TO FISCHER THAT TWO SIDES AGREE TO DISAGREE ON NATIONALITY CLAUSE, ISSUING SEPARATE STATEMENTS ON SUBJECT AT TIME OF SIGNING CONVENTION. HE ALSO REPORTED SECRETARY'S READINESS FOR BILATERAL WITH FISCHER AT UNGA, AND HE

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PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS ON CULTURAL AGREEMENT AND ON PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING CLAIMS.

2. RESPONSES BY BOTH FISCHER AND HONECKER WERE REASONABLY POSITIVE BUT SPARSE ON SPECIFICS. THEY WELCOMED UNGA BILATERAL AND TALKS ON CULTURAL AGREEMENT AND CLAIMS PROCEDURES AND AGREED ON DESIRABILITY

OF CONCLUDING CONSULAR CONVENTION. WITH REGARD TO SEPARATE STATEMENTS PROPOSAL, FISCHER PROMISED TO THINK IT OVER AND GET BACK TO US. FOR THEIR PART, FISCHER AND HONECKER EMPHASIZED GDR'S TRADE DESIDERATA AND THEIR UNANSWERED AIDE MEMOIRE OF MAY 12(BERLIN 6044).

3. ON AUGUST 24, WOESSNER, EUR/CE, BRIEFED SCHAUER OF FRG EMBASSY ON SUBSTANCE OF THESE INITIAL MEETINGS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR BOLEN AND GDR LEADERS, EMBASSY BONN SHOULD PROVIDE PARALLEL BRIEFING AT DESK LEVEL IN MFA AND MAY DRAW ON REFTELS, WHICH ARE BEING REPEATED, BUT SHOULD NOT LEAVE PAPER. CHRISTOPHER

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